

6514. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. John F. Javins and Francis H. Javins (Charles H. Javins & Son). Collateral of \$20 forfeited.
(F. & D. No. 8811. I. S. No. 3272-p.)

On April 16, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the District aforesaid an information against John F. Javins and Francis H. Javins, copartners, trading under the name of Charles H. Javins & Son, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendants on November 28, 1917, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Drained oysters (per cent)-----	77.6
Liquor (per cent)-----	22.4
Loss on boiling of drained oysters (per cent)-----	60.1
Solids in drained oysters (per cent)-----	12.1
Chlorids as NaCl on drained sample-----	Trace.
Solids in liquor (per cent)-----	1.5
Chlorids as NaCl in liquor (per cent)-----	.08
Solids calculated on whole sample (per cent)-----	9.7

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith, so as to lower or reduce and injuriously effect its quality, and had been substituted in part for shucked oysters, which the article purported to be.

On April 16, 1918, the case having been called and the defendants having failed to appear, the \$20 that had been deposited by them as collateral to insure their appearance was forfeited.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*